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REFS: A. VIENNA 10675, B. VIENNA 9054, C. STATE 242451

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1. EMBASSY MANILA WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY APPARENT OBSTRUCTIONIST ROLE PLAYED BY PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR SIAZON IN INFCE - TCC IN VIENNA AS REPORTED IN REFTEL A. WE HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE LIAISON WITH GOP ON THIS USG INITIATIVE SINCE CONCEPT OF INFCE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN APRIL 1977. DR. LIBRADO IBE OF THE PAEC HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED INFCE, AND SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED CHAYES AS INTERIM CHAIRMAN OF THE TCC. SEE REFTEL D.

2. THEREFORE, EMBOFF, WHO ENJOYS CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH DR. IBE, TOOK RECENT OPPORTUNITY TO RELAY GIST OF VIENNA 10675 REPORT TO IBE AND ASK HIM WHY AMBASSADOR SIAZON MIGHT BE PROMOTING A POSITION IN THE TCC THAT OPPOSES EXPRESSED GOP ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE INFCE AND THE TCC CHAIRMANSHP.

3. IBE SUGGESTED THAT SIAZON WAS PROBABLY SPEAKING IN HIS ROLE AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE LDC, (SEE REFTELS B AND C) AND NOTED THAT THE LDC STILL HARBOR SOME CONCERN THAT THE INFCE WILL BE USED BY THE DC'S TO LIMIT PEACE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO THE LDCS. FROM DR. IBE'S ACCOUNT OF THE OCTOBER WASHINGTON ORGAIIZING COMMITTEE MEETING AND OTHER PRELIMINARY INFCE DISCUSSION, WE ALSO CONCLUDE THAT AT LEAST TWO "POLITICAL ARGUMENTS" PUT FORTH BY SIAZON SHARE SOME LDC SUPPORT; INAPPROPRIATE AND INEQUITABLE DOMINANCE BY INDUSTRIAL AND NUCLEAR WEASPONS STATES, AND LACK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP ROLE BY LDCS. THIS LDC ATTITUDE APPEARS TO BE REINFORCED IN COMMENT SECTION OF VIENNA 19675 WHICH NOTES THAT LDC'S "WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO HOLD OUT ONCE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT IS REACHED AMONG STATES CENTRALLY INVOLVED IN THE STUDY" (EMPHASIS OURS). THE ONLY RESERVATION ABOUT THE INFCE WE HAVE HEARD FROM DR. IBE TO DATE IS THAT THE "LONDON CLUB" OF NUCLEAR POWER STATES WOULD NOT GIVE ADEQUATE ATTENTION TO LDC CONCERNS (SEE REFTELS E AND F).

4. ALSO, WE WOULD NOT CLASSIFY AMBASSADOR SIAZON AS A "LOCAL POLITICAL AMBASSADOR" AS WAS DONE IN VIENNA 10675. SIAZON IS A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST TRAINED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO. HE JOINED THE PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SERVICE UPON GRADUATION AND HAS BEEN WORKING

ON THE DIPLOMATIC SIDE OF IAEA MATTERS FOR OVER 12 YEARS. HE IS A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT AND DURING HIS ENTIRE FOREIGN SERVICE CAREER HAS FOCUSED ON SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. EMBASSY MANILA FOUND HIM A REASONED AND USEFUL CONTACT DURING THE GROUP OF 77 MEETING IN MANILA IN 1975. AT THAT TIME, HE DID NOT APPEAR UNDULY IMPRESSED BY THE G-77 RHETORIC. WE SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADOR SIAZON SHOULD AND CAN BE CULTIVATED BETWEEN NOW AND THE JUNE 1978 TCC MEETING. WE WILL ASSIDUOUSLY KEEP DR. IBE ABREAST AT THIS END OF ALL ARGUMENTS USG PUTS FORTH FOR PERMANENT CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TCC.
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